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**Interstate Common Line Support and  
Long Term Support  
2003**

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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re.: CC Docket No. 96-45

**Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS  
Annual Certification Filing**

This is to certify that Western Telephone Company ("the company"), will use its **Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is provided for all study areas under the common control of the company, and which are listed below.

Signed

Date: 5/13/03

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